

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A trash container cover has a pivotable lever arm handle which pivots down on a vertical shaft slidably connected to the handle. The shaft forces a horizontal compression plate down onto the trash in the container to compact it. The compactor plate is

5 detachable from the shaft and snap fits into tabs in the bottom of the cover for storage. The shaft pivots into a bottom slot in the handle for storage. The lever arm handle clamps down on the cover to serve as a handle for the cover.